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### A GOOD SHOWING

From a 70 cent tax rate, an empty treasury and a floating indebtedness of \$50,000 to a 55 cent tax rate and a balance in bank of \$218,500 is a far cry. But such is the record made by the Republican majority of the Levy Court of this County in three years. And it is reasonably certain that a further reduction of 10 cents will be made for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1904. This result has not been reached by any penurious method. No necessary work or repairs has been neglected. But economy and an entire absence of grafting have been the rule. All the Republican members are entitled to credit for this showing, but to none is more to be praised than Mr. Willits. His active participation and insisting on business methods have been largely the means to the end. With his experience, the county would be a great gainer, could he be continued in office. This sixth district would honor itself by making him his own successor.

### THAT TYPEWRITER

The Levy Court has decided to buy that typewriter about which there has been so much discussion. The matter was rather surprising after the statement made by Clerk of the Peace Quigley several weeks ago that he made no request for the machine and did not want it. It is not reported that he refused to accept it."

In the above, the *Evening Journal* is unfair, as it usually is when it has a grievance. It is well known that the typewriter in question is not in the office of the Clerk of the Peace, nor has it been there for several weeks. The machine was bought for the use of the Levy Court, and while at first Mr. Quigley permitted it to be kept in his office, it was, after the presentation of the bill and the objection by two members to its payment, removed into the Levy Court Chamber and there remains. The fact that a change has not been reported is a matter for the *Journal* to settle with its reporters and not with the Clerk of the Peace.

### ST. GEORGES

Mr. John Gam was in Wilmington on Saturday.

F. P. Vanheike visited Philadelphia on Monday.

H. C. Gray and wife spent part of last week in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Mattie Murry spent Sunday with her parents near Newark.

Mr. William Aspril and son spent part of last week at Porter's.

Miss Marion Clark is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jackson in Philadelphia.

Miss Olivia Paynter is spending ten days with Philadelphia friends.

Mr. Miles Clark has returned from a visit to relatives in Philadelphia.

Prof. Randolph Pratt visited his parents at Clayton from Saturday until Tuesday.

Mr. Edward Gam and son Martin, visited Wilmington relatives on Saturday.

Miss Violet Gray spent part of last week with her cousin, Miss Anna Gray, near town.

Mrs. J. C. Stuckert and son Francis, have returned from a short visit in Wilmington.

Miss Hester Covington, of Philadelphia, has been the guest of A. O. Gray and family.

Miss Mattie Cullis, of Chester, Pa., is being entertained by Mrs. Laura Jones and daughters.

Miss Gertrude Swain, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her parents, George Swain and wife.

Mrs. Charles Cannon, of Odessa, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Shoul, part of last week.

Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Gremee, of Bonduval, were entertained by Mrs. Theodore Jones on Saturday.

The weekly prayer meeting of the Lord's Supper will be administered in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning.

Miss Anna Moore and friend, of Wilmington, spent Easter Sunday with her parents, John Moore and wife.

Isaac Vanheike, of Philadelphia, spent the Easter holidays with his nephew, Oscar Vanheike and wife.

Miss Elizabeth Stewart, of Philadelphia, was entertained by her cousin, Miss Edna Wright, from Saturday until Tuesday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church held its monthly meeting at the home of Mr. J. G. Crossland on Thursday.

Misses Elizabeth Stewart, Anna Stewart and Mrs. Margaret Reybold visited Mrs. Henry Silver, in Red Lion on Saturday.

The weekly prayer meeting of the M. E. Church which has not been held for sometime, resumed its services on Friday evening.

George Swain and family on Sunday entertained William Haman and wife, of State Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Morris, of Glasgow.

Mrs. Maude Pinder, Mrs. Mortlock, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Carpenter, of Philadelphia, visited G. S. Swain and family on Wednesday.

The Buck Dramatic Club, of Summit Bridge, gave a fine minstrel performance to a crowded house in Odd Fellows' Hall, on Saturday night.

Interesting Easter services were held in the M. E. Church on Sunday evening and the usual egg-giving to the children of the Sabbath School.

The Easter music rendered by the choir at both services in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday was exceedingly fine.

and reflects great credit to the leader, Mrs. J. R. Milligan.

Rev. Dr. J. R. Milligan left for Indianapolis on Tuesday with his son Howard to enter the Naval Academy at that place. Howard's many friends regret very much his going away, but their best wishes for success go with him.

Miss Elizabeth Stewart returned to her home in Philadelphia on Tuesday, and was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Margaret Reybold, who will make that their home. Mrs. Reybold will be easily missed in the Presbyterian Church, the Christian Endeavor Society and the weekly Bible Class, in which she was an efficient worker, as well as in social circles. Her removal is regretted by a host of friends.

The captain of Red Riding Hood was repeated in Odd Fellows' Hall on Monday evening with as great success as before. The cast of characters were: Queen, Miss Sara Milligan; Prince, Clayton M. Riley; Godmother, Miss Florence Jamison; Red Riding Hood, Miss Violet Gray; her mother, Miss Daisy Clark; wolf, Fred S. Clark; together with the King, woodman, fairies, brownies and the Queen's attendants, Misses Elizabeth Clark and Adaline McCoy, it is needless to say that each part was carried out to perfection, for all who attended the entertainments in which these persons take part will know that their efforts are the greatest success that attends their efforts. Enough commendation cannot be given to Mrs. J. R. Milligan who had the affair in charge.

The following officers were elected in the M. E. Sunday School on Sunday morning for the ensuing year: Superintendent, W. Carow; Vice President, Rev. O. L. Martin; Treasurer, J. B. Nelson; Secretary, Miss Jessie Davidson; Assistant, Miss Bessie Battin; Organist, Mrs. John Lester; Missionary President, J. B. Nelson; Treasurer, Rev. O. L. Mar-

A meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of New Castle Province will be held in the First Church on April 12th/13th and 14th. A delightful meeting is expected. Delegates will be sent from the Presbyterian Church here.

Installation of officers was held by National Lodge, No. 32, I. O. O. F., on Tuesday evening. The following were present: W. C. Wolf; Grand Master, F. W. Hildebrand; Recording secretary, D. C. Wolf; Wardens, J. G. Crossland; Conductor, A. B. Ennis; Outside Gardian, W. S. Russell; Inside Gardian, Theodore Jones, R. S. W. G., Cleaver, Bryan, H. C. Gray, L. S. S. Reynolds, R. S. H. Corbin, R. S. V. G., H. T. Hopkins, R. S. V. G., William Aspril, Chaplin, Rev. O. D. Martin; S. P. G., Edward Lester. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition. They initiated thirteen and reinstated three the last term; average attendance twenty to twenty-five members.

**ODESSA**

Miss L. Ethel Mailly is a Wilmington visitor.

Miss L. N. Corbit is the guest of Philadelphia friends.

Miss Emma Carpenter is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. William H. Eccles was a Wilmington visitor Tuesday.

Miss Emma C. Hallett spent Easter with her parents in Milford.

Mr. Howard Woodall is visiting her mother at Still Pond, Md.

George Moore, Jr., of Salisbury, Md., spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. Howard Morris, of Chester, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Aspril.

Miss Viola H. Cleaver returned Monday after an extended visit with relatives in Wilmington.

Miss H. G. Naudain, of New York City, is being entertained at the home of Mrs. D. W. Corbin.

Miss Mary Walker, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Enoch Allee, of Middletown, visited friends in town Tuesday.

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North Bound—7:30 a. m., 7:52, 8:20 and 10:27 a. m.; 1:45 p. m. and 9 p. m.—South Bound—12:45, 8:31, 9:31 and 11:40 a. m.; 2:45, 4:45 and 7:50 p. m.

Mail Close as follows.

Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:45 a. m., 4:30 p. m.; 5:45 p. m. and 9 p. m.—Going South—4:30 a. m., 11 a. m., 5:30 p. m.; 7:30 a. m., 8:30, 9:30 and 10:45 a. m.

For Warwick, Cecilton, Newark and Samaria—6:40 a. m.

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### Local News.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. INGRAM'S.

Removed to the middle room in the Opera House. JONES & BRADLEY.

A fine lot of small Cedar Posts for wire fence, \$12 per hundred.

G. E. HUKILL.

Fresh Bread, Rolls, Cinnamon Buns every day. JONES & BRADLEY.

WANTED.—A young lady to learn dressmaking. Apply to THIS OFFICE.

DR. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

FOR SALE.—One Soda Fountain complete, in good order. Address, Lock Box, No. 321.

Removed to the middle room in the Opera House. JONES & BRADLEY.

FOR SALE.—1,000 good Chestnut Posts. Apply to

C. P. COCHRAN Agt.

Middletown, Del.

Our two store rooms are well filled with new spring goods, at the right price. Checks given with each sale.

Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

On account of my health I will rent ready furnished our home on South Broad street. Mrs. F. E. CONEYNESS.

LAND LINE Agency for "Wrightsville," "Schuykill" and "High C." high grade Land Lines. Best prices. G. E. HUKILL.

Fresh Bread, Rolls, Cinnamon Buns every day. JONES & BRADLEY.

EGGS FOR SALE.—Rhode Island Reds—fine vigorous stock and excellent layers. C. P. COCHRAN,

Middletown, Del.

We have a large stock of Easter Goods, Baskets and etc. JONES & BRADLEY.

\* FOR SALE.—The property of the late Marceline Jones on South Broad street. For particulars apply to

J. R. HOPECKER,

Middletown, Del.

We give checks with each sale. Will give premium on these checks, Monday, May 2d.

Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

Removed to the middle room in the Opera House. JONES & BRADLEY.

FOR SALE.—Chestnut Fence Posts and Cord Wood. Apply to

N. J. WILLIAMS,

Middletown, Del.

Try our Butter Biscuits, 10 cents per pound, they have no equal. JONES & BRADLEY.

We have a full and well selected stock of millinery and a competent trimmer to wait on you.

Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

LOST.—From the sheds of the National Hotel on Monday evening, a genuine Buffalo Robe. Suitable reward if found. THIS OFFICE.

EGGS FOR HAFCHEEN.—Pure bread S. C. White Leghorns, White Wyandots and Barred Rocks, 15 for \$100; 100 for \$500. T. R. BRADSHAW,

Evergreen Farm, Odessa, Del.

Removed to the middle room in the Opera House. JONES & BRADLEY.

E. I. ALPER, Eye Specialist, East Main street, Middletown. Office hours 8:30 A. M., to 9 P. M., every Saturday.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, pastor, will occupy the pulpit in Bethel M. E. Church to-morrow, both morning and evening.

TRY OUR BUTTER BISCUITS, 10 cents per dozen, they have no equal. JONES & BRADLEY.

THE LEAP YEAR DANCE

The Leap Year Dance given in the Middletown Opera House by the young ladies of this town on Thursday evening was the social event of Easter week, and one around which much interest has centered for several days. The young ladies out did themselves in their cordial hospitality and most excellent entertainment, and the large number of guests from a distance had nothing but words of praise for the able manner in which the brilliant affair was managed. The opera house was ingeniously decorated with painted flags, flags, etc., and Albert's Orchestra of five pieces discoursed its sweetest music.

The floor was in excellent condition and from 8:30 until 2:30 the dancing indulged in waltzes and two-steps, there being but two square dances on the program of twenty-four numbers. This was one of the finest dances given in Middletown for many years and reflects much credit upon the committee.

The gowns worn by the ladies were the daintiest creations of the modist's art, and seldom is such a scene of youth and beauty witnessed here. During the intermission a light repast of sandwiches and coffee was served. The committee in charge deserves so much credit for the success of the dance was Miss Dora Price, Miss Mary C. Williams, Miss Grace H. Parvis and Mrs. J. C. Stites. The dance was graced with the following floor committee: Miss Mary Shallicross, Miss Julia Lockwood, Miss Louise Cochran and Mrs. J. C. Stites.

A few of the members of Welcome Conclave, No. 256, Improved Order Heslopists, have adopted a novel plan by which they hope to greatly increase the attendance at their semi-monthly meetings. The "faithful" who are very punctual in attendance have a banquet each meeting night, and propose to continue to enjoy the good things of life at the expense of the Conclave until the "stay-at-homes" turn out in sufficient numbers to kill the resolution and stop the spreads. Last evening they dined at Jones & Bradley's restaurant and the menu consisted of deviled crabs, oysters in all styles, pickles, ice cream, cake and coffee. Since the banquets have proven to be so enjoyable, the Conclave has received several applications for membership and we are reliably informed there is more to follow.

A special meeting of the Ushers' Union will be held Monday evening, April 11th, at 8:30 o'clock. Ushers appointed for the month of April are as follows: April 10th, morning D. W. Stevens, Fred M. Armstrong, J. Elwood Denney, Julian Cleaver. Evening, Norman W. Kumpel, Victor Jones, Charles Lewis, Herman Wilson. April 17th, morning, George N. Dickerson, H. C. DeValinger, George F. Wilson, W. B. Kates. Evening, Oscar T. Whitlock, Elwood Brown, Dallas Olson, Charles Lochner. April 24th, morning, Roy Voshell, William Smith, George Richards, W. T. Pierce. Evening, George W. Alee, John E. Ginn, Leon H. Huguenin, John T. Webb. May 1st, morning, Charles F. Beaton, B. F. Gallagher, Minor Banning, Talbot Williams. Evening, Walter L. Taylor, I. N. Biddle, Alfred H. Suydam, J. H. Emerson.

CHURCH NOTES

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-night's evening is: "Two Standards of Life." Matt. 5:43-48; 1 John 2:17. Leader, Miss Kathryn Van Sant.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "How the world's standards conflict with Christ's." Matt. 5:33-48; 1 John 2:15-17. Leader, Dr. G. B. Pearson.

The Passion week services were very strictly kept by the members of Trinity A. M. E. Church of this town. The pastor Rev. C. A. A. Green began with Palm Sunday and every evening during the week endeavored to show to his audience the movements of "The Christ" between Bethany and Jerusalem, and on Good Friday conducted a three hours service, assisted by Rev. J. H. W. West. Dr. Nutter, Presiding Elder, of the M. E. Church. The service and its order was quite new to the colored people of the town, but was well appreciated and enjoyed by all. The pastor expected more speakers, each of whom had assigned one of the seven words spoken on the cross by our Saviour, but as the weather prevented many from attending, the work had to be done by the few who were present, and so it was for them a valuable service, especially the young.

Mr. Wallace M. Holton who has just recovered from an attack of pneumonia, left to-day to resume his position as foreman on the Union Republican, Georgetown. Miss Bertha Cochran, Mary Williams, Louise Cochran, Dora Price, Helen Cochran, Dr. Lewis, W. H. Brady, Sydney Peoverly, Harry Lockwood, Joseph P. Conneyess, Julian Foard and Eugene Shallcross attended the leap year dance given in Smyrna Tuesday.

Miss Richard Crossland and daughter Miss Nellie, of near St. Georges, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ginn on Wednesday.

The following pupils of the Middletown public schools have obtained an average of 90 per cent. or over for the month of March:

HIGH SCHOOL GRADE.—Maud Keayne, Grover Bender, Mary Kelley, May Kampel, Lillian Solway, Emma Kelley, Harold Dawson, Anna Denby, Ernest Sir, Harold Voss, John Josephine Cochran, Helen Davis, Prudence Lewis, Emily Allee, Nevada Arielle, Ida Armstrong, Helen Rose, Isaac Gibbs.

SIXTH SESSION.—7:30, Social hour, in charge of local Sunday school workers; song and praise services; offering for convention expenses; report of committees; election of officers; pledge for site work; offering for convention expenses; invitations for next convention; "Forward Movements in Local School"; Miss Wilson; "Records—How Kept—Graduating—The Teachers' Meeting."

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